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Dear reader,

This issue of *Papeles de Masonería* is dedicated to the complex and obscure relationship between the Masonic Rites and the Chivalric orders. A relatively arduous task, which divides the Masonic historians, generating contradictory opinions, when not diametrically opposed ones.

To penetrate the galaxy of the so called Chivalric degrees, *Papeles* requested the collaboration of renowned freemasons and historians, who are trying to bring us closer to the initiation rites of the Middle Ages which, according to the studios, are at the origin of the oldest masonic rites.

Pierre G. Normand, Jr, past Venerable Master of the State of Texas and founding member of the Scottish Rite Research Society under the auspices of the Supreme Council of the 33° Degree of the Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S. writes about the Templar tradition in Freemasonry, going back to the time of the Crusades.

Ramón Martí Blanco, Serene Grand Master and Grand Prior of the Grand Priory of Hispania, carries out an exhaustive review of the development of the Rectified Scottish Rite, from its creation up until today.

Louis Trebuchet, historian of prestige and President of the *Mare Nostrum* Research Lodge of the Grand Lodge of France, analyses the reminiscences of Stuart Freemasonry in the rituals of the High Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite practised in France.

Eduardo R. Calley, historian, writer and founding member of the Academy of Masonic Studies of the Grand Lodge of Argentina, analyses on his part, the genesis of the Chivalric rites in Central and Northern Europe (Germany, Austria, Scandinavia, the Baltic countries).

Marco Novarino, director of the Centre of Historical Research about Freemasonry (*Centro di Ricerche Storiche sulla Libera-Muratoria*) of Turin and member of the Grand Orient of Italy is the author of the *Dossier* dedicated to the Symbolic Italian Rite, a monograde rite practised in the transalpine country between 1858-1925 and which, due to its special interest and peculiarity, we have included in this number.

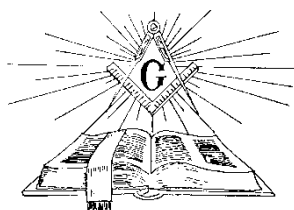
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